

## FURTHER HITCH IN BRIDGE APPROACH

Southern Railway Notices City That It Mistook Terms of Compromise Plan.

### TO CALL ANOTHER MEETING

Committee Will Consider Another Attempt at Solution by City Engineer Bolling.

Negotiations in progress for some time between the city and the Southern Railway for the transfer of certain of the route's property on Ponteath Street, took fire widening the approach to the Mayo Bridge, appear to have suffered another setback. Consideration of the road has notified the city authorities that it misunderstood the terms of the compromise plan, proposed on November 21 by City Engineer Bolling, and that after an examination of the blue prints, it could not recommend Mr. Bolling's scheme to the operating officials.

The development places the city of Richmond-Southern Railway controversy again practically where it was before the meeting of the Special Committee on Bridge Approach on November 21, when it appeared that differences were in a position to be reconciled. Hope of adjustment lies in a new plan being drafted by the City Engineer, designed to remove the Southern Railway's most important objection. The new plan will be presented at the next meeting of the committee.

**Mistaken Terms of Order.** Upon the statement of counsel for the road at the last committee meeting, that the Southern Railway would have to resist the city's original plan, which was to secure the condemnation of a strip of the company's property stretching from the northern end of the bridge to the north line of Dock Street, the City Engineer proposed an important amendment.

Mr. Bolling suggested, by way of amending the committee's objections, that the road agree to give to the city the full length of the proposed strip to the north wall of the dock. This he said, would provide for a wide thoroughfare from the bridge to Dock Street, and would interfere with no present tracks.

Attorneys Hunton and Gay held a short consultation, and agreed that the modification proposed by the city was important enough to submit to the operating officials in Washington for immediate report, and the committee adjourned in the feeling that the city and Southern Railway were in a fair way to get together. It appears that the representatives of the road understood the City Attorney to say the south instead of the north wall of the dock. When Mr. Bolling submitted a blue print illustrating his plan, they found out their mistake, and held up their report to the Washington authorities.

**The Company's Order.** The Southern Railway, at the meeting referred to, stated through its attorney,

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## ARMS MUST NOT BE SENT INTO IRELAND

### British Cabinet for First Time Grasps Gravity of Revolution in Ulster.

London, December 5.—The British Cabinet, by a royal proclamation promulgated to-night prohibiting the importation of arms and ammunition into Ireland for the first time grasped the nettle of the situation in Ulster, which it had hitherto ignored, although the followers of Sir Edward Carson for months have been advertising their military preparations and daring interference with them. Almost at the time of publication of the proclamation, Premier Asquith made the longest step toward the conciliation of the Ulsterites that the government has taken by accepting his acceptance of the principles of a basis of agreement suggested by Sir Edward Carson.

These principles are:

First. That the settlement must not be humiliating or degrading to Ulster.

Second. Ulster's treatment must not be different or exceptional from that meted out to the other parts of the United Kingdom.

Third. Ulster must retain full protection of the Imperial Parliament.

Fourth. The home rule bill must not be submitted to the House of Commons for consideration of the importation of arms and ammunition into Ireland from Great Britain.

Thus the government extends to the signs of the Ulster covenant the olive branch.

The proclamation prohibiting the importation of arms and ammunition into Ireland was milder than rumors had anticipated it would be. Instead of reviving the Irish Crimes Act, which prohibited the carrying of arms, and gave drastic power to search for arms, it invoked the customs consolidation act of 1856.

Premier Asquith's pronouncement was made in an after-dinner speech at Manchester.

### TELEPHONE CONTEST

**One Company Opposes the Other's Desire to Go Out of Business.**

Agreement was reached by the telephone companies in the case of the Bristol Telephone Company against the Damaskos Telephone Association. The Damaskos Association refused to do business with a competitor of plans for dissolving the association to go out of business. The Bristol company is protesting against this action, and is threatening to sue the Damaskos if the latter continues to render certain transmission services. The case was fully argued before the commission, the last being that when a corporation by unanimous agreement ceases to do business it has that right, the commission's approval being required.

### CONFER WITH GOVERNOR

**Public Utilities Committee to Discuss Ford Block Sale With State Officials.**

The Council Committee on Public Building Properties and Utilities, consisting of Senator W. C. Ritter and Senator John D. Long, this afternoon met the State Library Commission for the purpose of conferring about the proposed division of the old Ford building into two sections. The committee will meet again to-morrow morning at the same place with the commissioners of each other.

A communication transmitted from Governor Martin to the commissioners of the State.

The site is desired by the State for the erection of a fireproof building for courts and offices. The State commissioners are composed of George Mann, Lieutenant-Governor Eliason and Attorney-General Williams.

**The Company's Offer.** The Southern Railway, at the meetings referred to, stated through its attorney,

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